

# THE REAL POWER OF THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

## Matt 1-2

Is there anything about Christmas that can change your life?

### 1. Jesus. Matthew 1:21

*for he shall save his people from their sins....* Gives salvation to his people...saves from sins....

*Jesus*: used over 700 x in NT

Greek equivalent of Hebrew word, *Yeshua*.

*Yahweh, God will save..*

*Jehovah is salvation.*

**Name**: Speaks of character; everything true of person is revealed in name.

Luke 24:47; John 20:31; Acts 4:12

Acts 15:26 *Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Implication: Men are born sinners.

Sin condemns and damns a person.

Jesus came to save/rescue/set free us from our sins. Past, present, future.

Christmas message: Jesus—Forgiveness of sin.

Primary result of salvation in the OT and in the NT. Acts 13:38

Psalms 103:12 *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

### 2. Emmanuel. Matthew 1:23

God with us.

Child at Christmas fully human and fully God.

Isa 9:6; John 1:1-2

God always had place where dwelt with His people

Hebrews 2:14

Emmanuel: sympathizes.

Knows our strengths and weaknesses. Hebrews 2:18

### 3. King Matthew 2:2

**King**—Lord...to rule us.

Matthew 2:11

Herod: Paranoid. Maniac.

Not real king Edumean put into position by Romans.

Having all babies under 2 yrs murdered.

Revelation 19:16 ... *KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Lordship: Phil 2:9-11

Power or authority. Mat 28:18-20

## Ownership Psa 24:1

S.M. Lockridge:

*He is the one who walked on the brow of nothing and with the jest of His hand the worlds were formed.*

*He didn't have to put His signature on the corner of the sunrise: He is the owner.*

*He didn't have to put a laundermark in the lapel of the meadow: He's the owner.*

*He didn't have to carve his initials in the side of the mountain: He's the owner.*

*He didn't have to put a brand on the cattle of a thousand hills: He's the owner.*

*He didn't have to take out a copyright on the songs that He gives the birds to sing: He's the owner.*

What is in it for me?

For the Lost, Rom. 10:9

For the municipalities "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

*Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

For the Nation, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

For those who claim to be committed, Acknowledgment of Christ's authority must be accompanied by absolute obedience to His commands.

*Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

4 Classes of men who may be described by their relationship to the Lord:

1. Those who neither call Him Lord, nor do the things which He says.
2. Those who call Him Lord, but do not the things...
3. Those who do not call Him Lord, do the things...
4. Those who both call Him Lord, and do the things which He saith

## 4. Christ Matthew 2:4

*Christ: generator of life, giver of life, originator of life, creator of life.*

John 3:16 Psalm 36:9

## SO WHAT?

Is there anything about Christmas that can change your life?

1. Jesus – Forgiveness
2. Emmanuel – Sympathizes
3. King – Lord
4. Christ – giver of real life.